

Dulwich danger

ROTHMANS ISTHMIAN League champions Wycombe Wanderers continue their bid to catch up on leaders Enfield tonight (Tuesday) when they take on Dulwich Hamlet at Loakes Park. At the same time, Enfield will be playing Slough at Maidenhead while Dagenham visit Sutton United.

By virtue of home advantage, Wanderers appear to have the easiest of the three games but they are unlikely to make the mistake of underestimating Dulwich, who held them to a goalless draw at Champion Hill in October. Even though they have slipped down the table recently, Dulwich are a dangerous side and Wycombe will need to be at their best.

The chief dangerman must be John Baker, a highly talented forward who joined the club

from Hendon at the start of the season. Baker has scored no less than 30 goals in league and cup matches this term.

Dulwich's recent slip from fourth place in the table to seventh is mainly due to a string of injuries. Dave Barker, a defender, has been out with ligament trouble while 18 goal striker Ken Jelly is extremely doubtful with knee trouble. Centre half Rod Brooks could also miss the match through injury.

One man who seems certain to play though, is Trevor Blaydon, the former Sutton player. He suffered a bad gash on his knee a month ago which needed 14 internal stitches.

The fair haired Fred Pudney has left the club for Wembley since Wycombe last met Dulwich but Alec Jackson returned from a spell at Chelsea to partner Baker upfront.

On Saturday, Dulwich came back from 2-1 down to take a point at Hitchin whose two goals came from the penalty spot. Charlie Pooley and Paul Webb scored for Dulwich. Their probable team for tonight is: Alan Thomas, Kenny Baker, Steve Rogers, Paul Webb, Peter Smith, John Akers or Peter Mills, Trevor Blaydon, Charlie Pooley, John Baker, Dave Barker, Alec Jackson.

Wanderers came through Saturday's 7-0 thrashing of Bromley without injury and should field their regular side with possibly Dylan Evans returning as substitute.